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Mark E. Gurney et al.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

MS Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2003. Claims 232-240 and 270-278 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following amendment and remarks. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for three-months extension of time.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.